

ASOTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 13, 2023
Asotin City Hall, 121 Cleveland Street, Asotin WA

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dwayne Paris, called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Paris led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE 4 STUDENTS MURDERED IN MOSCOW:** Dwayne asked that we take a moment of silence in honor of the 4 students.
- IV. AMENDING AGENDA:** to add Resolution 2023-728 to the agenda.
Motion to Approve Amended Agenda, Cowdrey/Stein, motion passed 5/0
- V. ROLL CALL:** Steve Cowdrey, Lori Loseth, Craig, Stein, David Weakland and Tim Ottmar
- VI. STAFF PRESENT:** Tina Davidson, Clerk-Treasurer
PUBLIC PRESENT: Charlotte Tuttle, Gail Moore-Pivoda, Elaine Nagel, Steve Nash
- VII. PUBLIC HEARING: None**
- VIII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Charlotte Tuttle, congratulated the mayor and council on winning the election. And she asked about the animal ordinance that has been being discussed. Will it have any effect on large animals? Dwayne explained that the ordinance is for Poultry, not large animals.
Gail Moore-Pivoda, also congratulated the mayor and council.
Steve Nash, also congratulated mayor and council. And thanked them for the painting of the church.
Elaine Nagle, also congratulated mayor and council. She also stated that the traffic at the end of town is out of control and wanted to know if there was some sign that could be put up to slow down the traffic. Dwayne said they have put up speed signs and had police patrol, it doesn't seem to slow them down any.
- IX. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
Minutes of October 23rd, 2023 Regular Meeting
Payroll 10/31/2023 Ck# 44549 - 44555 including EFTs; \$20,745.10
Holiday Pay Ck# 44569 including EFT; \$3,279.83
Expense Claims 11/13/2023 Ck# 44570 - 44609 including EFT's; \$71,239.62
Voids: Ck#: 44553
Motion to Approve Consent Calendar, Cowdrey/Weakland, motion passed 5/0
- X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- **Preliminary Budget – Nov 27th**
 - **Chicken Ordinance – Still working on**
 - **Painting of Church – On Going**
 - **Bench for Ben Nichols on city right away – Resolution 2023-728**
- XI. NEW BUSINESS: None**
- XII. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR REPORTS: None**
- XIII. CLERK'S REPORT: Tina reported on the following:**
1. **Craft Fair at the School was a great success and hope to continue to make that event grow.**
 2. **Thanksgiving vacation for City Hall will be Thursday the 24th AND Friday the 25th.**
 3. **Nov. 27th will be the preliminary hearing for the Budget.**
 4. **Regroup – Emergency Notification Service: Was used to alert citizens of the Avista Gas Outage and there have been several that have called to see how to get on that alert. I have put that information out on the reader board.**

IX. DEPARTMENTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT: None

PLANNING COMMISSION: Next Meeting: January 4th, 2024.

X. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Steve Cowdrey- None

Lori Loseth – Lori also mentioned the memory of the Moscow Students. And encouraged everyone to turn on their porch lights to show support. She also thanked the Avista Crews for all their hard work and the efforts to get us all back up and running.

Craig Stein- Craig reported that the Public Transportation Board Association (PTBA) reached a settlement with Eric Hood.

David Weakland - None

Tim Ottmar – reported that he will not be at the next meeting, he will be with his son who will be graduating from Lewiston Fire Academy.

XI. MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor reported on the painting of the church. It is coming along. It is starting to show some improvements. They are working around the weather and making some good progress.

Dwayne also stated the agenda amendment for the resolution for a bench to be placed by the apple tree at the courthouse in memory of Ben Nichols.

Dwayne then reviewed financial standing from 2019 to present. See attachment.

XII. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

1. City of Asotin Resolution 2023-728. A Resolution of the Asotin City Council to endorse a bench to be placed on public right of way in memorial of Ben Nichols.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2023-728, Memorial Bench for Ben Nichols, Weakland/Stein, motion passed 5/0

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 30 min – Litigation

Started at 6:40

Returned at 6:00

Outcome: Decision was to have Jennifer Douglas submit letter to opposing council.

Motion to Approve decision to submit letter, Weakland/Cowdrey, motion passed 5/0

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Cowdrey/Ottmar, Motion passed. 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Dwayne Paris, Mayor

Tina Davidson, City Clerk-Treasurer